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ANTI-CD40L COMPOUNDS

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Hon. Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 2327 Arlington, VA 22202

#### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, kindly amend the application as follows:

### IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1 of the application, immediately after the title, insert the following paragraph: "This application claims priority as a continuation application under 35 U.S.C. § 120 from United States Application No. 09/346,653, filed July 1, 1999, which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 from

International Application Number PCT/US98/00573, filed January 9, 1998, which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 from United States Application No. 60/034,672, filed January 10, 1997 and United States Application No. 60/040,154, filed March 7, 1997."

#### REMARKS

## The Specification

Applicants have amended the specification to set forth a priority claim under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120 to an earlier-filed copending United States application that claims benefit from an earlier-filed international application designating the United States that claims benefit from two earlier filed United States provisional applications.

This amendment does not add new matter. Its entry is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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